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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Charles D. Snelling and Leo T. Van Lahr
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 (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002 for one month from March 19, 2003 to April 19, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check for \$55.00 for one month to cover the cost of the extension. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If there is any deficiency in this fee, please charge Deposit Account 50-2098.

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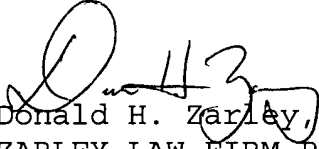
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A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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